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SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 35  
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A RESOLUTION relative to federal transportation funding.

WHEREAS, the shared mission of the Tennessee General Assembly, the Tennessee Department of Transportation and the Tennessee Public Transportation Association is to plan, implement, maintain, and manage an integrated public transportation system for the movement of people, with emphasis on quality, safety, efficiency and the environment; and

WHEREAS, Tennessee is one of only five states that provides public transportation in every county in the state; and

WHEREAS, Tennessee public transportation systems provided over twenty-eight million passenger trips, from Mountain City to Memphis, last year; and

WHEREAS, over thirty-six million vehicle miles were logged by Tennessee public transportation systems last year; and

WHEREAS, as the number of passengers and vehicle miles increase in the future, the State of Tennessee will need to secure vehicle replacement and capital improvement funds to maintain a safe, reliable and efficient fleet of public transportation vehicles; and

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WHEREAS, the majority of transit capital funding comes from the federal government through Section 5309 of The Transportation Equity Act for the 21st Century, (commonly known as TEA-21) which provides capital funding programs for both bus and rail equipment and facilities; and

WHEREAS, these federal bus and rail capital funds may only be secured for the several states by having the projects designated by Congress; and

WHEREAS, Tennessee's neighboring states received the following Section 5309 federal bus funds with the help of their congressional delegations for fiscal years 1999, 2000 and 2001, combined:

Alabama	\$85,976,184
Georgia	\$45,220,979
Missouri	\$40,001,869
Virginia	\$39,914,317
North Carolina	\$26,860,932
Kentucky	\$26,610,351
Mississippi	\$22,268,587
South Carolina	\$19,915,096
Arkansas	\$14,143,435

; and

WHEREAS, the above funding totals over \$320,000,000, or an average of more than \$35,000,000 per state, while Tennessee received only \$5,985,000 for the same three-year period; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED SECOND GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, That the Tennessee General Assembly hereby urges the Tennessee

Congressional Delegation to assist Tennessee in obtaining \$31,589,870 of Section 5309 federal funds for bus and capital improvement projects to be earmarked for the following projects:

Nashville	\$ 8,320,000	Bus Replacement
Knoxville	\$10,080,000	Buses and Intermodal Center
Chattanooga	\$ 3,000,000	Buses and Facility Upgrade
Memphis	\$ 4,000,000	Buses
Clarksville	\$ 360,000	Buses
Jackson	\$ 964,000	Buses, Fare Box Computer, Hardware and Software
Johnson City	\$ 360,000	Buses
Kingsport	\$ 100,400	Buses, Paratransit Van and Shelter
Pigeon Forge	\$ 624,000	Trolley Buses and Support Vehicle
Gatlinburg	\$ 1,280,000	Trolleys, Counting Equipment, Radios and Nexbus Talking Equipment
First Tennessee HRA	\$ 221,600	Vans, Mobile Data Terminals and Fare Boxes
East Tennessee HRA	\$ 250,000	Equipment and Body Shop
Southeast Tenn. HRA	\$ 593,000	Buses and Transit Center
Southcentral DD	\$ 136,000	Buses and Vans
Southwest Tenn. HRA	\$ 160,000	Maintenance Shop Wash Bay
Northwest Tenn. HRA	\$ 175,000	Central Dispatch and Buses
Mid Cumberland HRA	\$ 130,400	Vans and Repeater
Upper Cumberland HRA	\$ 420,070	Vans and Shop Equipment
Memphis Delta HRA	\$ 125,000	Buses
Hamilton County RT	\$ 36,000	Paratransit Van

Hancock County RT	\$ 20,000	Van and Radio
Knoxville CAC	\$ 110,400	Vans
STS	\$ 124,000	Buses

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Tennessee General Assembly hereby urges the Tennessee Congressional Delegation to assist Tennessee in obtaining \$55,215,538 of Section 5309 federal funds for rail projects to be earmarked for the following projects:

Memphis	\$35,212,538	Medical Center Rail Extension
Nashville RTA	\$17,000,000	Construction of East Corridor
		Commuter Rail - Davidson and Williamson Counties
Nashville RTA	\$ 3,000,000	Preliminary engineering studies for Sumner, Rutherford, Williamson, West Davidson and Cheatham Counties

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That an enrolled copy of this resolution be transmitted to each member of Tennessee's Congressional delegation.